# United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IX POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Soils assessment begins. Waste characterization and disposal continues.

Advanced Fuel Filtration Emergency Oil Spill and CERCLA Removal

1451 Magnolia, Corona, CA

**POLREP No.:** 5 Site #: 1259

Reporting Period: January 13-18, 2005 D.O. #:

Start Date: Resno

Start Date: Response Authority: CERCLA/OPA
Mob Date: 1/5/2005 Response Type: Emergency

Demob Date: NPL Status: Non NPL

Completion Date: Incident Category: Removal Action

CERCLIS ID #: Contract #

RCRIS ID #: Reimbursable Account #

FPN#

### Site Description

A 5000 - 20000 gallon spill of Jet A fuel was released from Advance Fuel Filtration, a bankrupt fuel treatment and environmental response company. The fuel migrated from the site during a heavy rain event and into the street to a storm drainage system. This storm drainage system dumps into a flood control channel that feeds into the Santa Ana River and the Prado Basin, a ecologically sensitive environment. It is not known whether material reached the river or basin. This is still being assessed. The site consists of an office building and a yard.

The yard contains approximately 150 drums of hazardous waste. There are also four tanker trucks that held the released product.

The spill was discovered on either January 3 or 4, 2005 by tenents of the an adjacent property. Once notified of the spill the property owner initied a response action.

The spill was not reported to the authorities and the Corona Fire Department (CFD) tracked the spill due to odor complaints.

Agencies initially responding to the spill included: CFD, Riverside Co. Environmental Health (RCEH), Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Corona Public Works (CPW) The

agency response began on January 4, 2005.

FOSC Robert Wise was notified of the incident by the California Deptment of Toxic Substance Control, who referred a request for assistance from RCEH. The FOSC notified the Region 9 Spill Phone Duty Office and responded to the incident on January 5, 2005.

#### **Current Activities**

On January 18, Recon, the site oil spill contractor, began confirmation sampling in the 6th Street area by collecting background soil samples as specified in the EPA and County approved assessment workplan. The EPA START contractor observed and documented this sampling.

Identifiable generators of waste abandoned on site were contacted by EPA and the property owner and informed of the necessity of their disposing of these wastes. The generators are hiring waste disposal companies to do this.

# **Next Steps**

The sampling contractor will continue to do confirmation sampling in areas A-E where soil was removed during the oil spill response. Area F, the Site itself, will be sampled when the other areas are complete.

## **Key Issues**

Involving all responsible parties in the clean up is a key issue at this point.

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